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Where Knuckles and Shadow battle for the fate of Angel Island!

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KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
POWERHOUSE GUARDIAN

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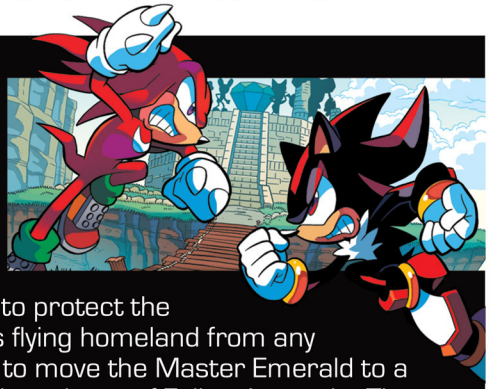
THE DARK ARMS
ALIEN HYBRID LIVING WEAPONS

PREVIOUSLY...

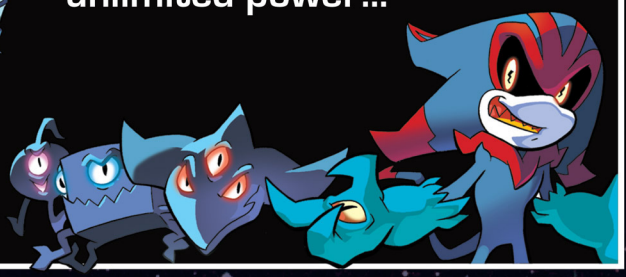
BRASH BATTLE



Knuckles and Shadow are throwing down – for the future of Angel Island! Knuckles' sworn duty is to protect the Master Emerald and his flying homeland from any danger. Shadow wants to move the Master Emerald to a secure G.U.N. facility to keep it out of Eclipse's reach. The disagreement turned ugly – fast!

Meanwhile, Eclipse ambushed Team Dark with the power of his Dark Arms minions! Overwhelmed by the aliens' power, our heroes barely survived the encounter and were forced to watch as Eclipse stole the Master Emerald.

Now Eclipse is on his way to steal Team Dark's shuttle and escape with the gem that may hold unlimited power...



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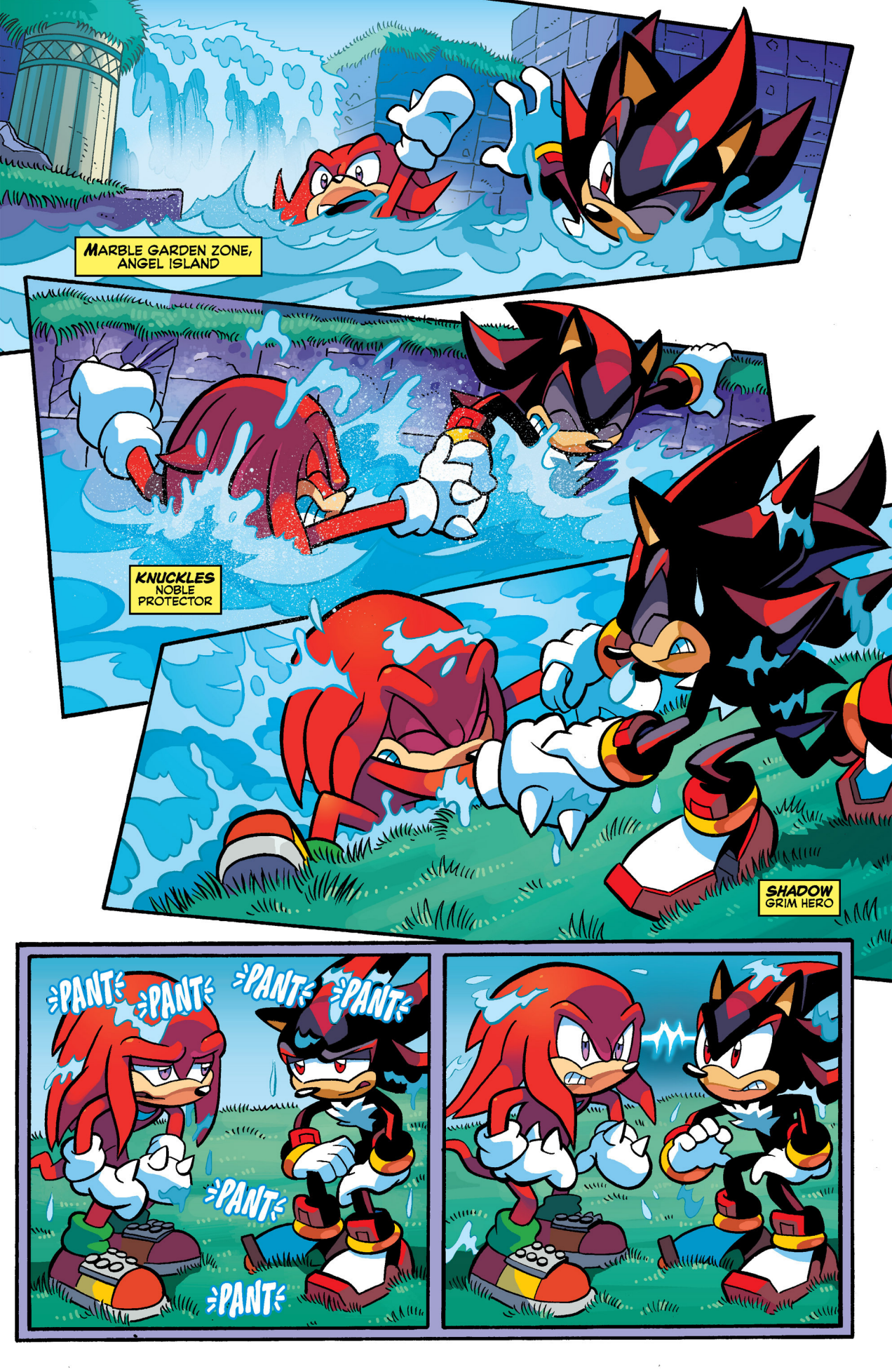
MARBLE GARDEN ZONE, ANGEL ISLAND
KNUCKLES NOBLE PROTECTOR
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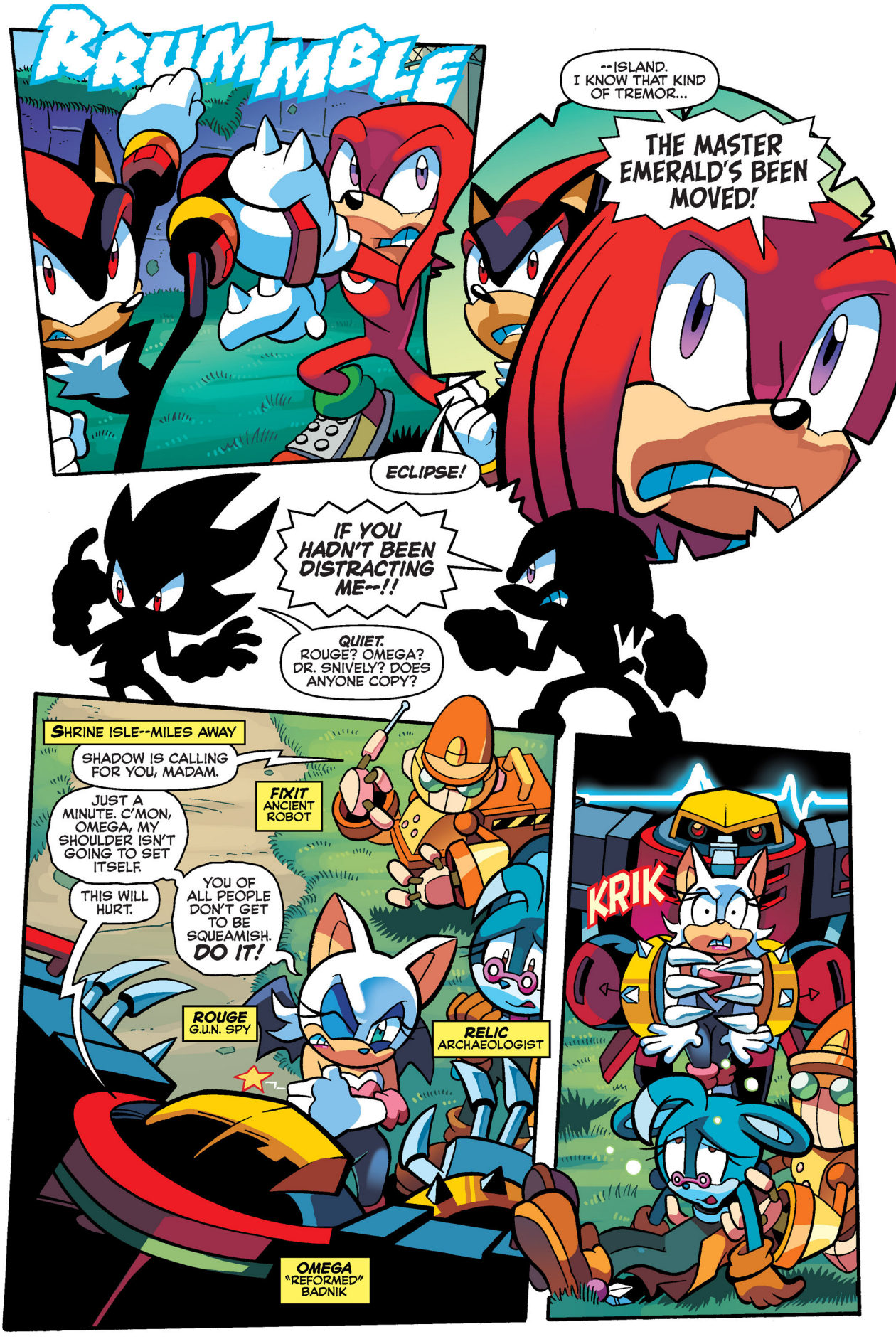
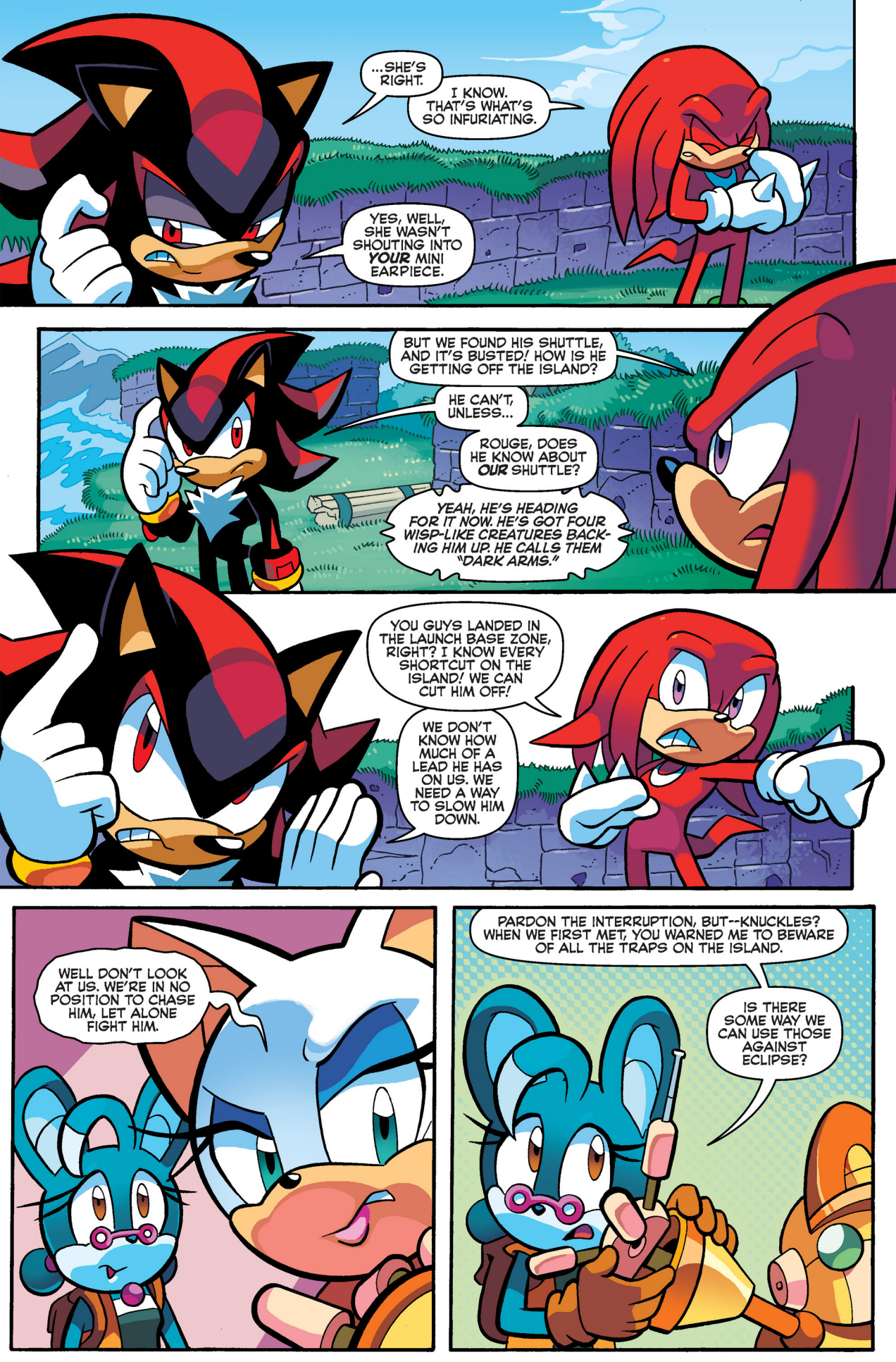
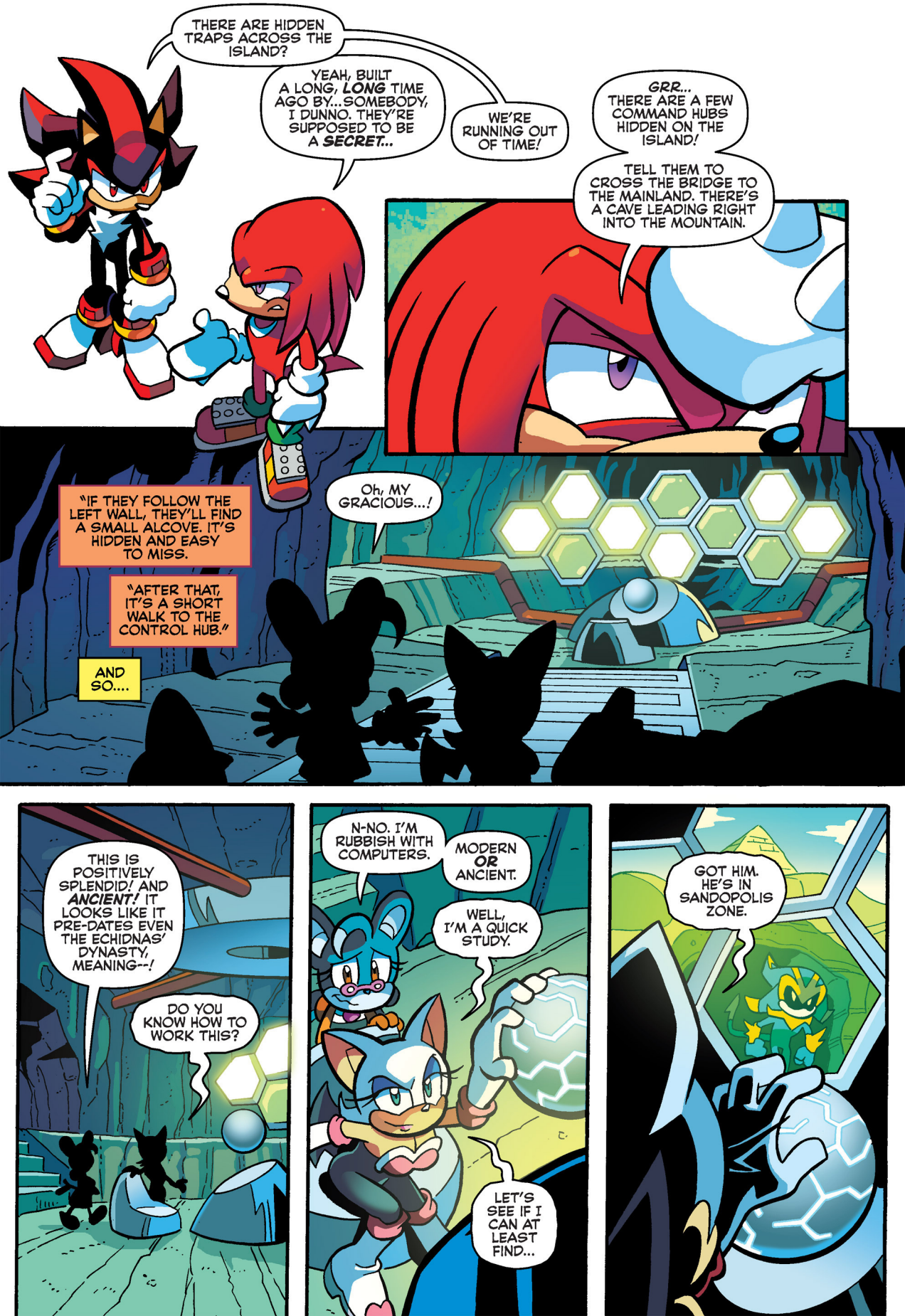
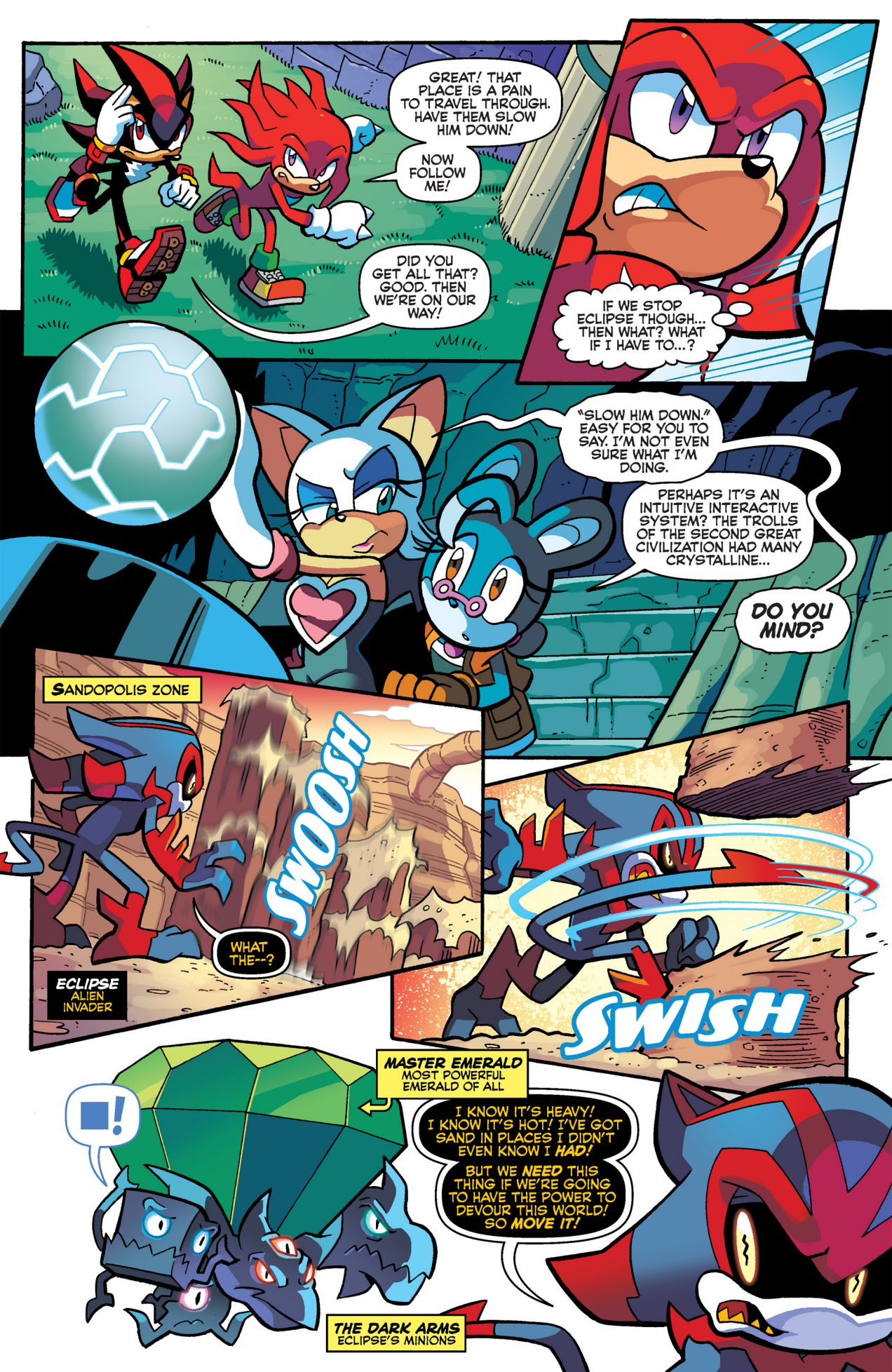
THE MASTER EMERALD STAYS PUT!
IT'S GOING IN A VAULT!
KNUCKLES & SHADOW
STUBBORN AS BRICK WALLS
YOU SHOULD'VE TAKEN ROUGE'S OFFER AND EVACUATED!
AND THEN WHAT?! PROTECTING THE MASTER EMERALD IS MY PURPOSE! THIS ISLAND IS MY LIFE!
THEN FIND A NEW PURPOSE. IT IS NOT EASY--I KNOW--BUT IT CAN BE DONE.
IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE DONE! NOW GET OFF MY--!

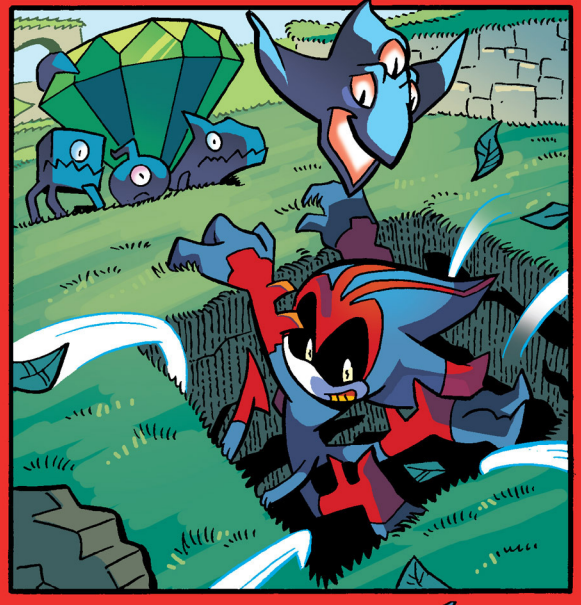

RUMMBLE
--ISLAND. I KNOW THAT KIND OF TREMOR...
THE MASTER EMERALD'S BEEN MOVED!
ECLIPSE!
IF YOU HADN'T BEEN DISTRACTING ME--!!
QUIET. ROUGE? OMEGA? DR. SNIVELY? DOES ANYONE COPY?
SHRINE ISLE--MILES AWAY
SHADOW IS CALLING FOR YOU, MADAM.
FIXIT ANCIENT ROBOT
JUST A MINUTE. C'MON, OMEGA, MY SHOULDER ISN'T GOING TO SET ITSELF.
THIS WILL HURT.
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE DON'T GET TO BE SQUEAMISH. DO IT!
ROUGE G.U.N. SPY
RELIC ARCHAEOLOGIST
OMEGA "REFORMED" BADNIK
KRIK

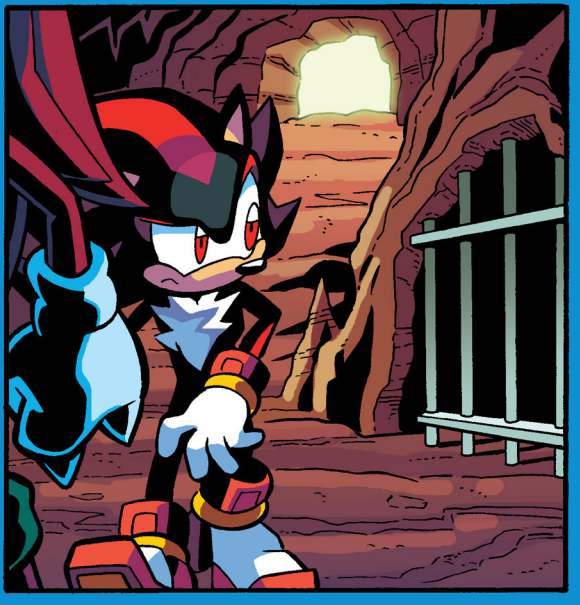
HELLO?
ROUGE? WHY AREN'T OMEGA AND THE DOCTOR ANSWERING? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
OMEGA'S CONSERVING POWER SINCE ECLIPSE RIPPED OUT HIS CHAOS DRIVE. JULIAN'S TELE-POD WAS BLOWN UP, AND I'M ABOUT A SECOND AWAY FROM BARFING, Y'KNOW WHY?
BECAUSE ALL OF THIS WOULD'VE BEEN AVOIDED IF YOU TWO MUSCLE-BRAINS HAD JUST TALKED INSTEAD OF FIGHTING LIKE CHILDREN!
NOW WE'RE ALL WEAKENED AND ECLIPSE IS ESCAPING WITH THE MASTER EMERALD! WAY TO GO, BOYS!!


...SHE'S RIGHT.
I KNOW. THAT'S WHAT'S SO INFURIATING.
YES, WELL, SHE WASN'T SHOUTING INTO *YOUR* MINI EARPIECE.
BUT WE FOUND HIS SHUTTLE, AND IT'S BUSTED! HOW IS HE GETTING OFF THE ISLAND?
HE CAN'T, UNLESS...
ROUGE, DOES HE KNOW ABOUT *OUR* SHUTTLE?
YEAH, HE'S HEADING FOR IT NOW. HE'S GOT FOUR WISP-LIKE CREATURES BACKING HIM UP. HE CALLS THEM "DARK ARMS."
YOU GUYS LANDED IN THE LAUNCH BASE ZONE, RIGHT? I KNOW EVERY SHORTCUT ON THE ISLAND! WE CAN CUT HIM OFF!
WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF A LEAD HE HAS ON US. WE NEED A WAY TO SLOW HIM DOWN.
WELL DON'T LOOK AT US. WE'RE IN NO POSITION TO CHASE HIM, LET ALONE FIGHT HIM.
PARDON THE INTERRUPTION, BUT--KNUCKLES? WHEN WE FIRST MET, YOU WARNED ME TO BEWARE OF ALL THE TRAPS ON THE ISLAND.
IS THERE SOME WAY WE CAN USE THOSE AGAINST ECLIPSE?


THERE ARE HIDDEN TRAPS ACROSS THE ISLAND?
YEAH, BUILT A LONG, LONG TIME AGO BY...SOMEBODY, I DUNNO. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET...
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
GRR... THERE ARE A FEW COMMAND HUBS HIDDEN ON THE ISLAND!
TELL THEM TO CROSS THE BRIDGE TO THE MAINLAND. THERE'S A CAVE LEADING RIGHT INTO THE MOUNTAIN.
"IF THEY FOLLOW THE LEFT WALL, THEY'LL FIND A SMALL ALCOVE. IT'S HIDDEN AND EASY TO MISS.
"AFTER THAT, IT'S A SHORT WALK TO THE CONTROL HUB."
AND SO....
Oh, MY GRACIOUS...!
THIS IS POSITIVELY SPLENDID! AND ANCIENT! IT LOOKS LIKE IT PRE-DATES EVEN THE ECHIDNAS' DYNASTY, MEANING--!
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO WORK THIS?
N-NO. I'M RUBBISH WITH COMPUTERS.
MODERN OR ANCIENT.
WELL, I'M A QUICK STUDY.
LET'S SEE IF I CAN AT LEAST FIND...
GOT HIM. HE'S IN SANDOPOLIS ZONE.


GREAT! THAT PLACE IS A PAIN TO TRAVEL THROUGH. HAVE THEM SLOW HIM DOWN!
NOW FOLLOW ME!
DID YOU GET ALL THAT? GOOD. THEN WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
IF WE STOP ECLIPSE THOUGH... THEN WHAT? WHAT IF I HAVE TO...?
"SLOW HIM DOWN." EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT I'M DOING.
PERHAPS IT'S AN INTUITIVE INTERACTIVE SYSTEM? THE TROLLS OF THE SECOND GREAT CIVILIZATION HAD MANY CRYSTALLINE...
DO YOU MIND?
SANDOPOLIS ZONE
SWOOSH
WHAT THE--?
ECLIPSE ALIEN INVADER
SWISH
MASTER EMERALD MOST POWERFUL EMERALD OF ALL
I KNOW IT'S HEAVY! I KNOW IT'S HOT! I'VE GOT SAND IN PLACES I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I HAD!
BUT WE NEED THIS THING IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE POWER TO DEVOUR THIS WORLD! SO MOVE IT!
THE DARK ARMS ECLIPSE'S MINIONS



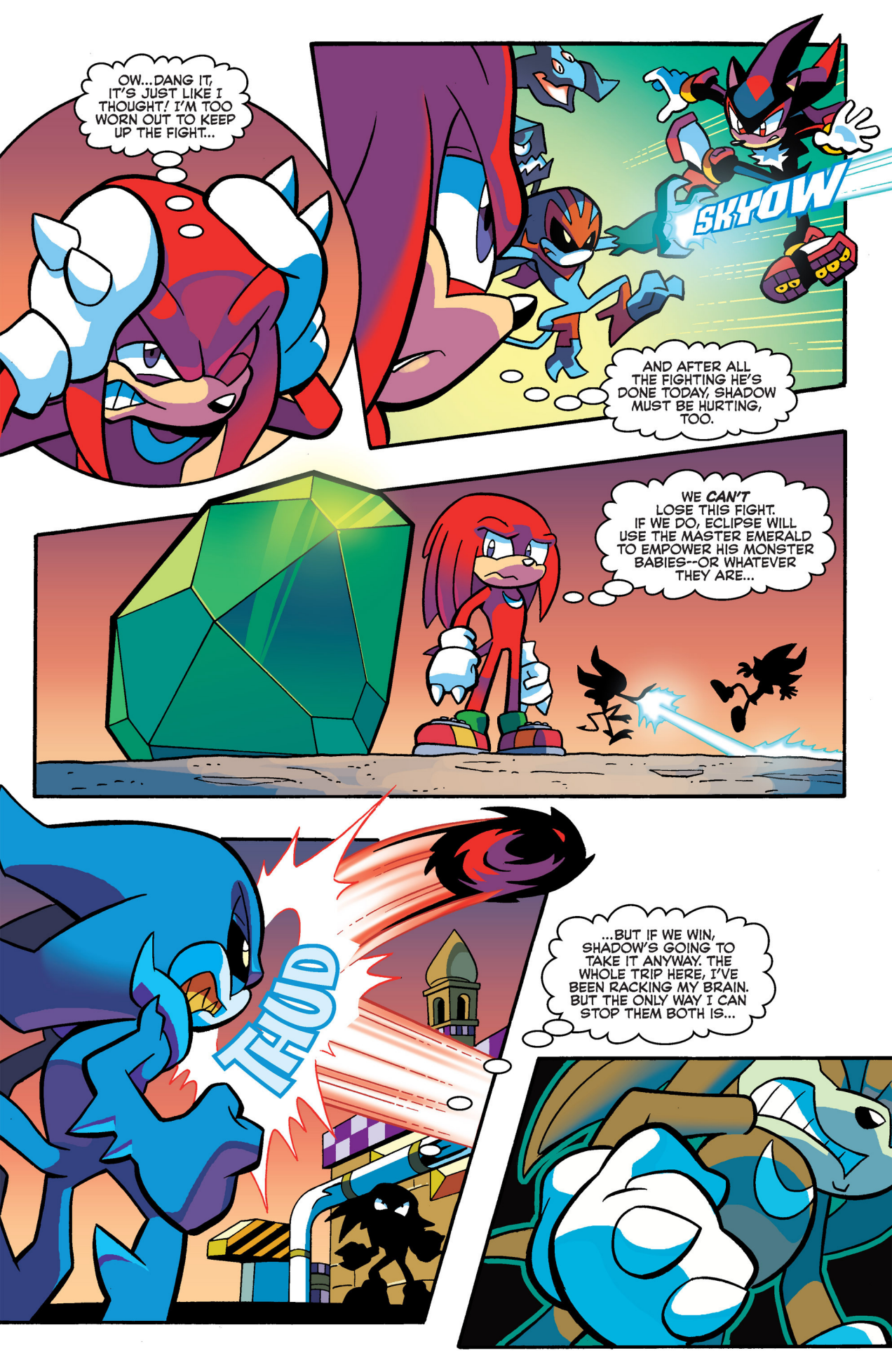


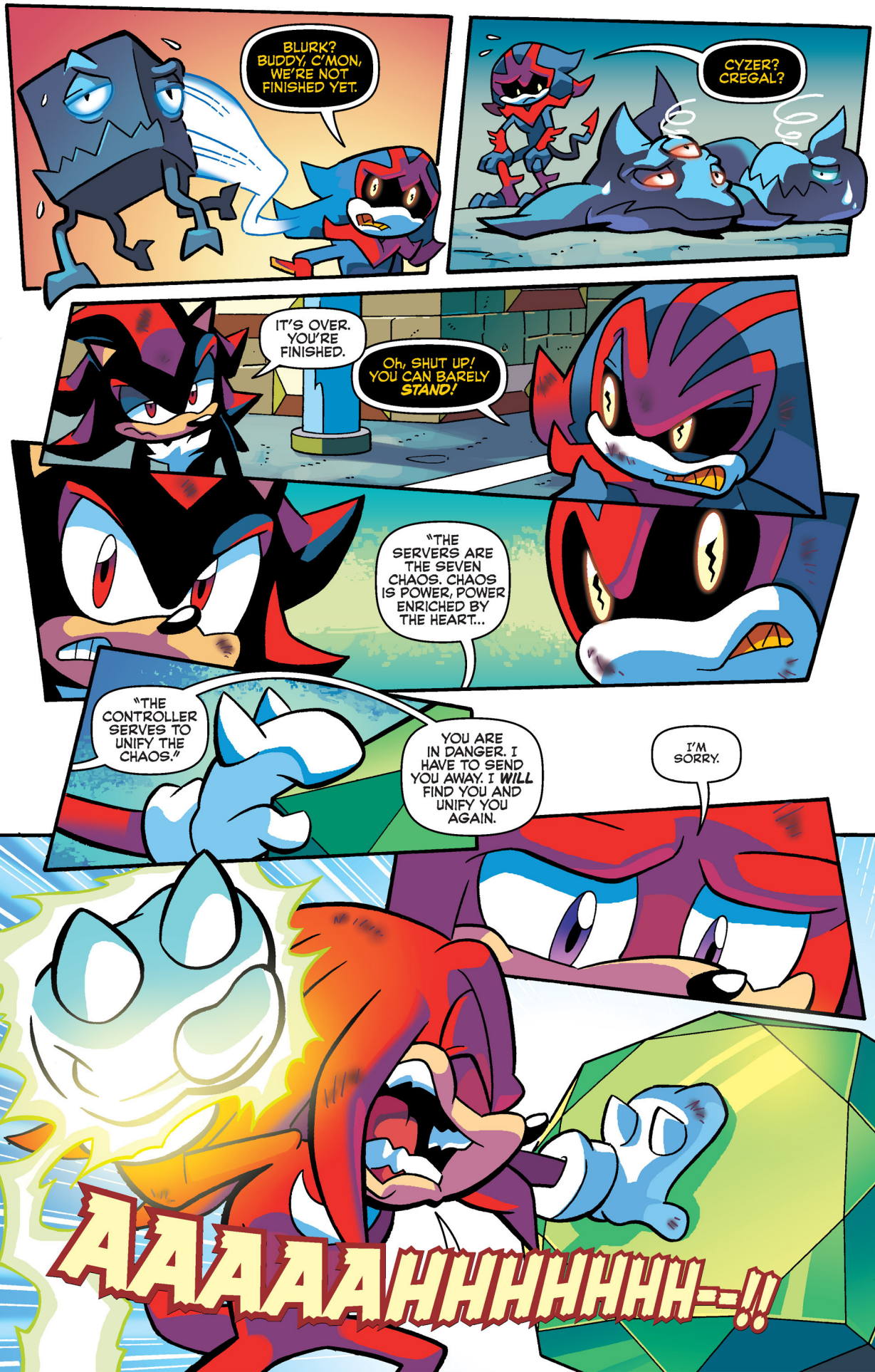
WOOOOOOOSH

LAUNCH BASE ZONE
>HUFF< ONCE WE'VE TAKEN THIS THING'S POWER >HUFF< WE'LL SINK THIS STUPID, HATEFUL ISLAND >HUFF< TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN...
WAITAMINUTE... THERE!
THAT'S GOT TO BE IT!
HAHAHA! COME ON, LITTLE ONES! WE'RE HOME FREE!
KZZZT

OF COURSE HE SHOWS UP NOW...
GET TO THE SHUTTLE, LITTLE ONES! I'LL TELEPORT OUR PRIZE THE REST OF THE WAY!
♪?
FWASH
GOT HIM.
FWASH
WELL, AT LEAST I CAN KILL YOU AND TAKE THE--!
FWASH
GAH!

NOTHING PERSONAL, BUT IF I *HAVE* TO SHATTER SOMETHING TODAY, IT'S GOING TO BE YOU!
BLURK! CREGAL! CYZER! *ONE OF YOU!* GRANT ME YOUR POWER AND GET THIS SAVAGE OFF ME!!
!
!
!
WHUMP
THOK
WHOOSH
DIDN'T EXPECT *THESE* POWERS, DID YOU, SIMPLETON?!
DARK ARM POWER: *WING*

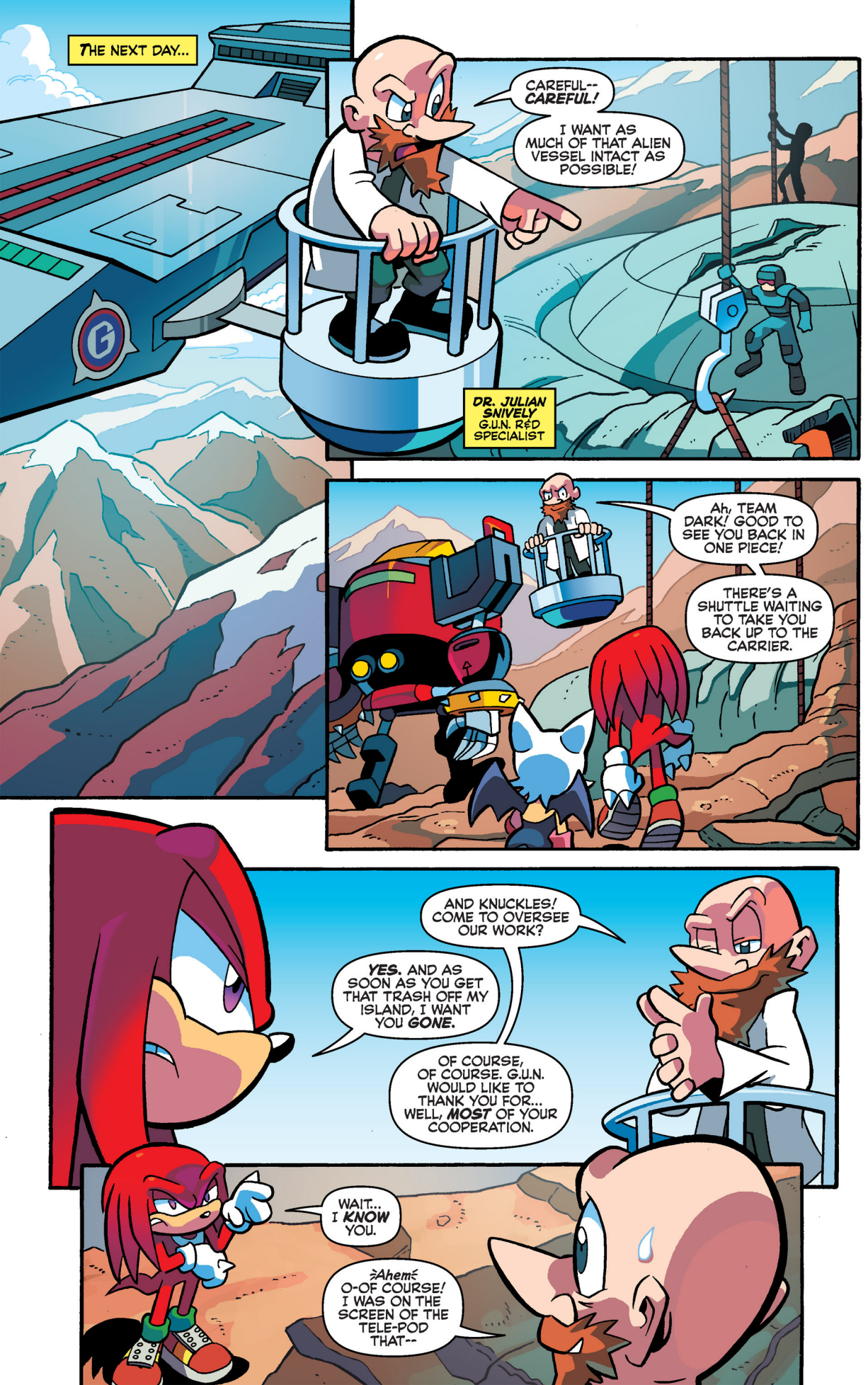

OW...DANG IT, IT'S JUST LIKE I THOUGHT! I'M TOO WORN OUT TO KEEP UP THE FIGHT...
SKYOW
AND AFTER ALL THE FIGHTING HE'S DONE TODAY, SHADOW MUST BE HURTING, TOO.
WE CAN'T LOSE THIS FIGHT. IF WE DO, ECLIPSE WILL USE THE MASTER EMERALD TO EMPOWER HIS MONSTER BABIES--OR WHATEVER THEY ARE...
THUD
...BUT IF WE WIN, SHADOW'S GOING TO TAKE IT ANYWAY. THE WHOLE TRIP HERE, I'VE BEEN RACKING MY BRAIN. BUT THE ONLY WAY I CAN STOP THEM BOTH IS...


BLURK? BUDDY, C'MON, WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET.
CYZER? CREGAL?
IT'S OVER. YOU'RE FINISHED.
Oh, SHUT UP! YOU CAN BARELY STAND!
"THE SERVERS ARE THE SEVEN CHAOS. CHAOS IS POWER, POWER ENRICHED BY THE HEART...
"THE CONTROLLER SERVES TO UNIFY THE CHAOS."
YOU ARE IN DANGER. I HAVE TO SEND YOU AWAY. I WILL FIND YOU AND UNIFY YOU AGAIN.
I'M SORRY.
AAAAAHHHHHHH--!!

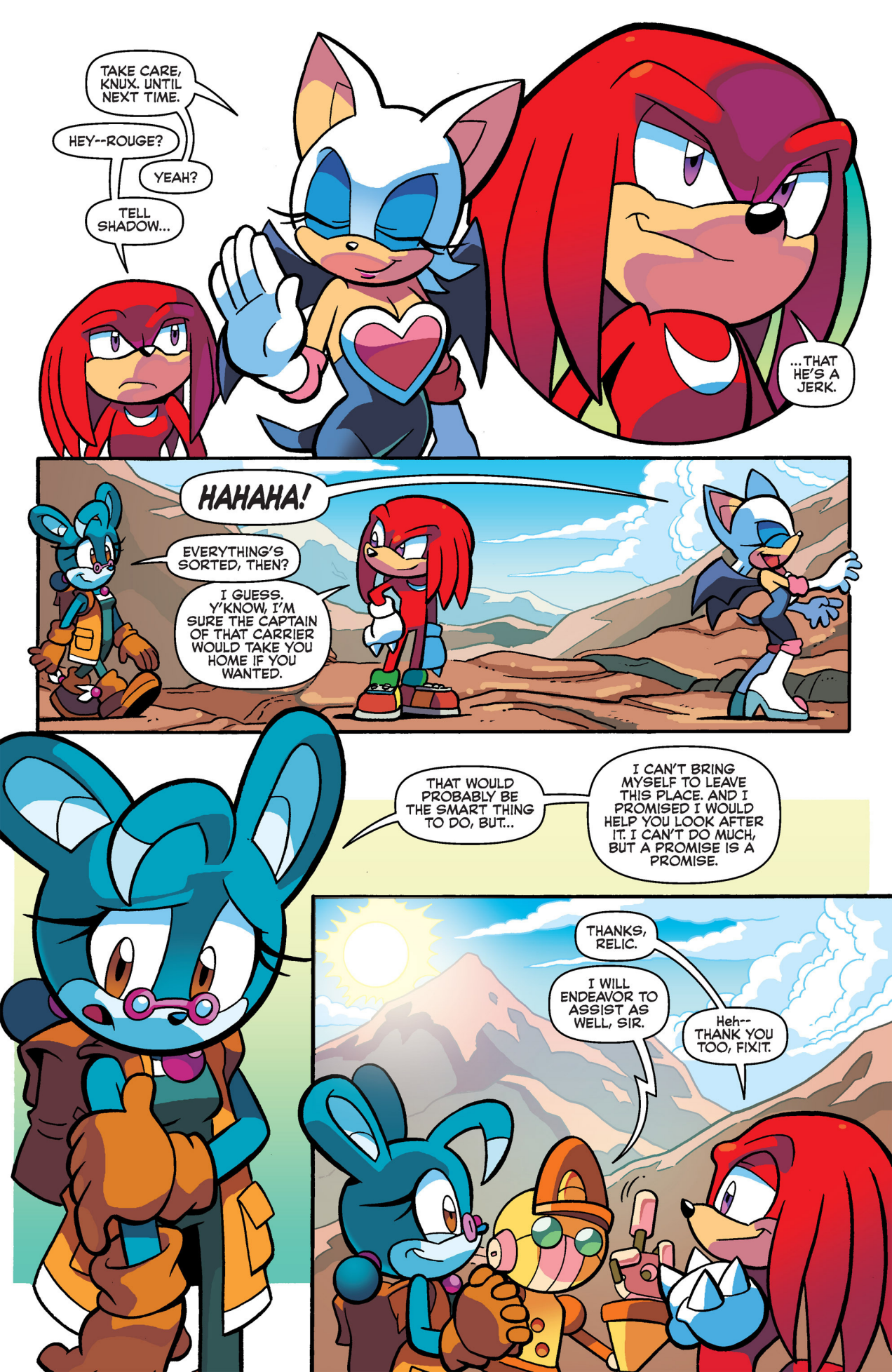
Kra-Kaam
NO!
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?!!
WAS THAT...CHAOS CONTROL...?
WHAM
YOU MADE ME DO THE ONE THING I SWORE I'D NEVER DO AGAIN!

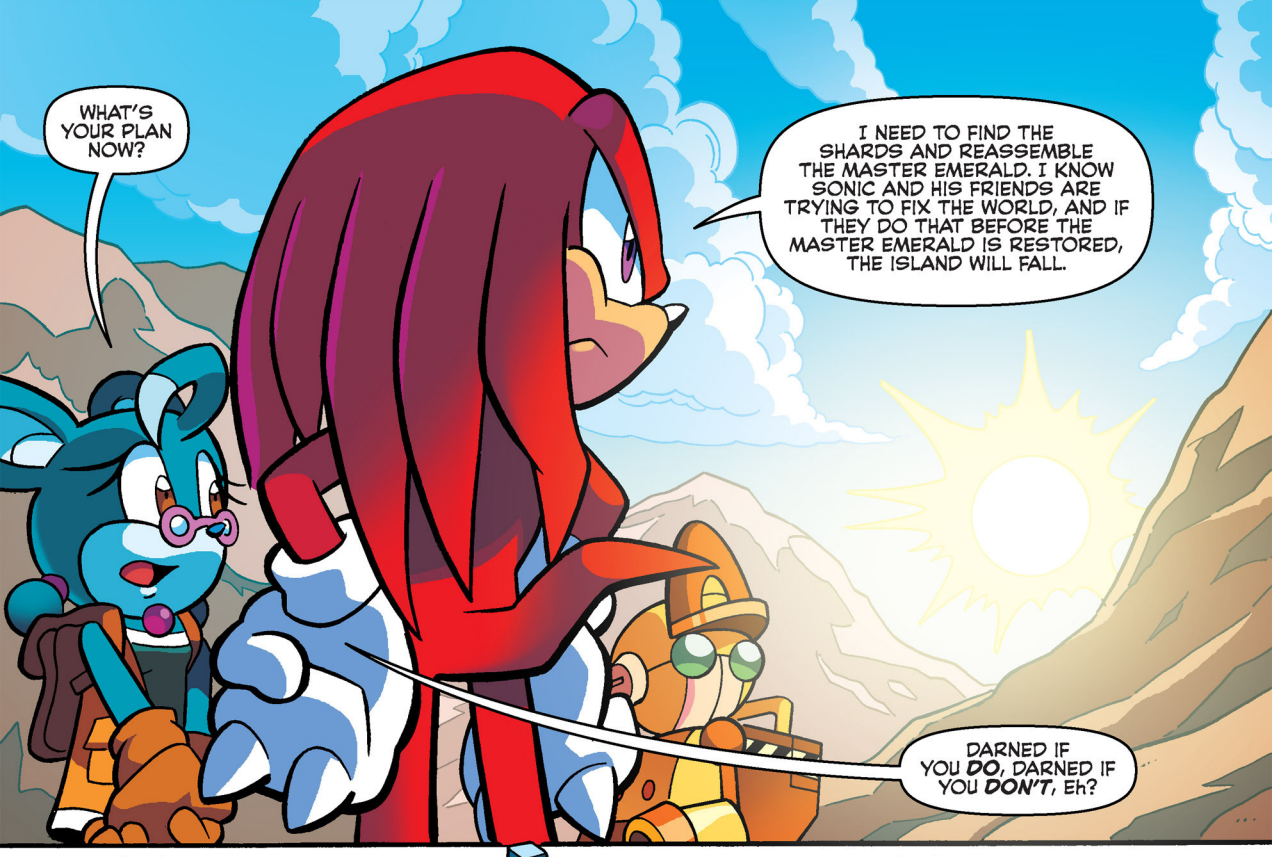
RHYGENTA... NO...THEY'LL KILL US BOTH...
DARK ARMS POWER: SONIC CANNON
BRRAAAAAUHKK

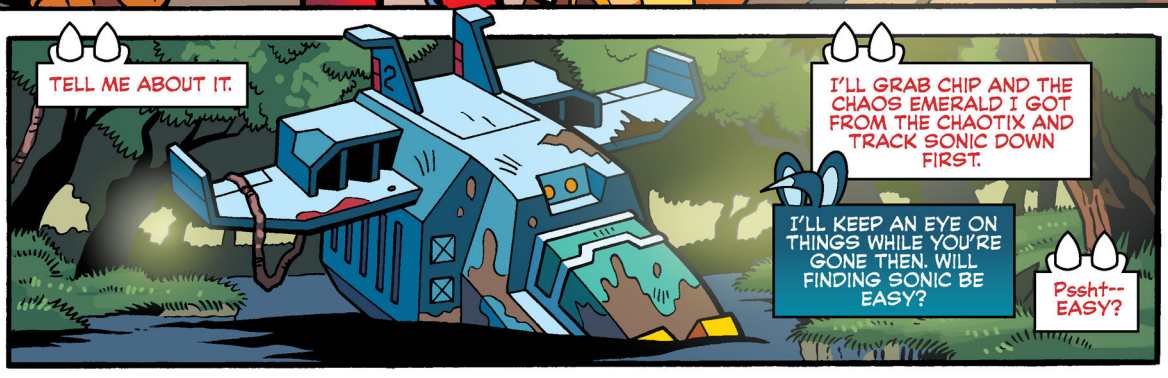
RRUMMBLE
FSHHHH
VWOOSH


THE NEXT DAY...
CAREFUL-- CAREFUL!
I WANT AS MUCH OF THAT ALIEN VESSEL INTACT AS POSSIBLE!
DR. JULIAN SNIVELY G.U.N. RED SPECIALIST
Ah, TEAM DARK! GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK IN ONE PIECE!
THERE'S A SHUTTLE WAITING TO TAKE YOU BACK UP TO THE CARRIER.
AND KNUCKLES! COME TO OVERSEE OUR WORK?
YES. AND AS SOON AS YOU GET THAT TRASH OFF MY ISLAND, I WANT YOU GONE.
OF COURSE, OF COURSE. G.U.N. WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR... WELL, MOST OF YOUR COOPERATION.
WAIT... I KNOW YOU.
Ahem! O-OF COURSE! I WAS ON THE SCREEN OF THE TELE-POD THAT--

NO! YOU'RE THAT LITTLE PUNK THAT WAS WORKING FOR DR. EGGMAN! YOU TRIED TO STEAL THE MASTER EMERALD THEN, TOO!*
EEK! I-I-I-I--THAT WAS THEN! I-I'D N-N-N-NEVER--!
*SONIC 3 & KNUCKLES --THE GAME
YOU CAN HAVE THE ALIEN JUNK, BUT YOU-- YOU-- GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!!
YEEP! Y-Y-YES, SIR!!
YOU KEEP SOME REALLY QUESTIONABLE COMPANY.
COMES WITH THE JOB.
SMART MOVE WITH THE MASTER EMERALD, BY THE WAY.
Huh?
YOU KEPT IT OUT OF EVERYONE'S HANDS, AND NOW YOU CAN PIECE IT BACK TOGETHER WHILE THE REST OF US ARE BUSY, DISTRACTED WITH OTHER THINGS.
AND WITH THE WORLD AS IT IS, ANGEL ISLAND WON'T FALL ANY TIME SOON. PRETTY CUNNING, HANDSOME.
...THANKS, BUT IT NEVER SHOULD'VE COME TO THIS.


TAKE CARE, KNUX. UNTIL NEXT TIME.
HEY--ROUGE?
YEAH?
TELL SHADOW...
...THAT HE'S A JERK.
HAHAHA!
EVERYTHING'S SORTED, THEN?
I GUESS. Y'KNOW, I'M SURE THE CAPTAIN OF THAT CARRIER WOULD TAKE YOU HOME IF YOU WANTED.
THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE SMART THING TO DO, BUT...
I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO LEAVE THIS PLACE. AND I PROMISED I WOULD HELP YOU LOOK AFTER IT. I CAN'T DO MUCH, BUT A PROMISE IS A PROMISE.
THANKS, RELIC.
I WILL ENDEAVOR TO ASSIST AS WELL, SIR.
Heh-- THANK YOU TOO, FIXIT.


WHAT'S YOUR PLAN NOW?
I NEED TO FIND THE SHARDS AND REASSEMBLE THE MASTER EMERALD. I KNOW SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO FIX THE WORLD, AND IF THEY DO THAT BEFORE THE MASTER EMERALD IS RESTORED, THE ISLAND WILL FALL.
DARNED IF YOU DO, DARNED IF YOU DON'T, EH?


TELL ME ABOUT IT.
I'LL GRAB CHIP AND THE CHAOS EMERALD I GOT FROM THE CHAOTIX AND TRACK SONIC DOWN FIRST.
I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS WHILE YOU'RE GONE THEN. WILL FINDING SONIC BE EASY?
Pssht-- EASY?

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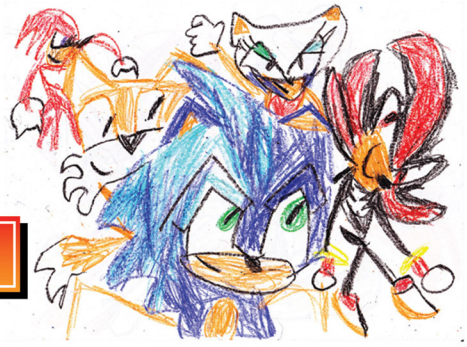

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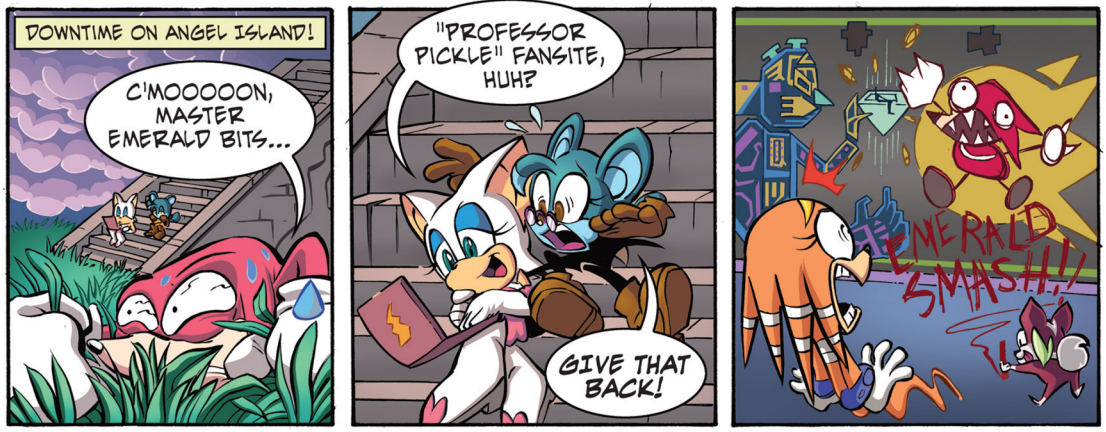

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I'm a huge fan of your comics! But I do have some questions...

The usual thou shall haveth!

Is Eclipse a fan character? If so, can you maybe put my fan character in too?

Eclipse is a character created exclusively for the Sonic comics! We currently do not include fan-made characters in the comics. Although, hey, we're ALL fans of Sonic the Hedgehog!

Also, I'm AMAZED how you draw those Sonic characters SO well!

We'll pass along the praise to our brilliant team of artists! The book wouldn't be the same without them!

I can't wait for the Sonic Boom comic to come out!
As soon as it does, it's going right into my bookshelf!

Gotta go fast,
Tornado
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Tornado! Sonic Boom is crazy awesome. If you enjoy Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Universe, you're gonna love Sonic Boom (Issue #1 is available now, btw)! Don't miss a moment of the BOOMING action by subscribing today! Plugplugplugplugplug!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
How are you today?

Super hyper and ready for fan mail! LET'S DO THIS!

I have written Sonic-grams many times in the past, but this is my first time writing to this comic. Anyway, I have a few... er, I mean, I'll have the usual.

This guy gets it!

1. Will Tracy Yardley write any more arcs? I thoroughly enjoyed his Pirates arc, and even though I am not a huge fan of the bad guy arcs, I must say that his Babylon Rogues arc was very well written. Tracy Yardley, please write MOAR!

Tracy's our main Sonic Universe penciller, so he's a busy bee! We'd love to have him write another story soon, though!

2. I love all the new characters that are being introduced, especially Relic. I have a question about her though. Is Relic supposed to be British or something of the sort, because her diction seems to suggest that (i.e., "Jolly good," "I'm thoroughly scandalized," "Capital job on that," ect.). That's all for now. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Jonathan N. from Kentucky

P.S. Knuckles, you're doing it right! Shadow, I like you, but, YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG! (See SU issue 68)

Thanks for the letter, Jonathan! Relic's accent is extremely similiar to that of a British accent, and we love her for it!

See y'all next time for an all-new adventure featuring Sally & Nicole in "Spark of Life"!

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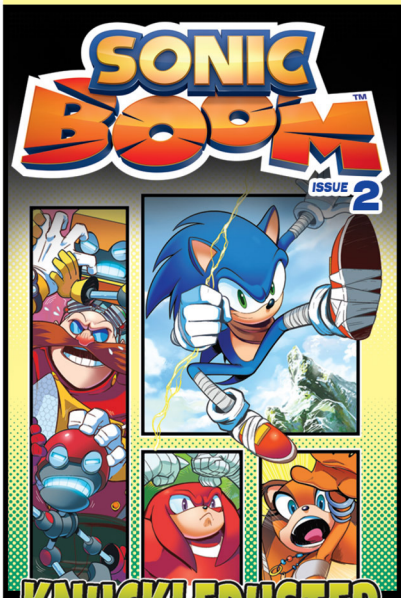

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